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Favorable reconsideration of the application is most earnestly solicited in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

The outstanding Office action, dated June 13, 2005, rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 12-14 and 16-19, and objected to claims 15 and 20. Claims 1, 2, 5, 12-20 have been canceled without prejudice, thus rendering the rejection and objection of these claims moot. New claims 21-32 have been added for consideration. New claims 21-32 correspond to claims 1, 2, 5, 12-20, respectively.

New claims 21, 24 and 26 are independent claims. Each of these claims require structure and arrangement in the host organizer and ancillary article that permit each to be attached to the other by means of overlapping flaps. Such structure and arrangement is not shown in U.S. Patent 4,192,365 to Siegel or the other references of record. Specifically, claims 21, 24 and 26 require the following elements (please refer to Fig. 5 by way of illustration only, not by way of limitation):

- (1) a host organizer (e.g., a binder) (10) having an organizer pocket (24) and an organizer flap (34)
- (2) an ancillary article (e.g., a wallet) having an article body (12) and an article flap (44)
- (3) the article body (12) is configured to fit in the organizer pocket (24)
- (4) the article flap (44) overlaps the organizer pocket (24) when the article body (12) is in the organizer pocket (24)
- (5) the organizer flap (34) overlaps the article flap (44) when the article body (12) is in the organizer pocket (24)
- (6) overlap of the article flap (44) over the organizer pocket (24) permits alignment and attachment of the third attachment means (52) with the first attachment means (32)
- (7) overlap of the organizer flap (34) over the article flap (44) permits alignment and attachment of the second attachment means (40) with fourth attachment means (50)

Siegel does not disclose or suggest elements (4), (6) and (7).

As clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 5 of Siegel, article flap 134 is not configured to overlap organizer pocket 44, and it is not even remotely suggested that Siegel be reconfigured to do so. Rather, Siegel teaches a straight-forward attachment of the article (a purse 130) using snaps 140, on the rear panel of the article, snapping into complementary snap elements 138 inside the organizer pocket 44 (See Fig. 4). The invention as claimed in claims 21, 24 and 26, on the other hand, requires that the attachment of the article to the organizer be accomplished at least by

attaching the interior of the article flap to the exterior of the organizer pocket, by way of attachment means located on the interior and exterior, respectively. The overlap of the article flap over the pocket permits an alignment and attachment of complementary attachment means located on the interior of the article flap and the exterior of the organizer pocket, respectively.

The article is further secured to the organizer in the present invention by attaching the interior of the organizer flap to the exterior of the article flap, by way of attachment means located on the interior and exterior, respectively. The overlap of the organizer flap over the article flap permits alignment and attachment of complementary attachment means located on the interior of the organizer flap and the exterior of the article flap, respectively. This double overlap and attachment arrangement, i.e., article flap-to-organizer pocket / organizer flap-to-article flap, is not found in Siegel.

Further, Siegel does not have an attachment means on the exterior of the article flap, as claimed in claims 21, 24 and 26. Attachment means 135 on the article flap in Siegel has its attachment side on the interior of the flap, not the exterior. Thus, in Siegel, the interior of organizer flap 30 cannot be attached to the exterior of article flap 134, as with the arrangement claimed in claims 21, 24 and 26.

Applicants' respectfully traverse the Office's position on the meaning of the claim term, complementary. The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, 2000, Updated 2003, Houghton Mifflin Company, defines complementary as follows:

1. Forming or serving as a complement; completing.

The term complement is defined as follows:

1. a. Something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection.
c. Either of two parts that complete the whole or mutually complete each other.

These definitions are attached hereto as Exhibit A. In the specification of the instant application, snap fasteners (male and female parts) are given as an example of complementary attachment means. In view of these accepted definitions and the consistent manner in which the term is used in the specification, it is respectfully submitted that one cannot ignore the complementary nature (e.g., male vs. female) of the attachment means when considering the relevance of the references of record.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 21, 24 and 26, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over the art of record and in condition for allowance.

Applicants wish to note for the record that the element, host organizer, in claims 21 and 23, is a generic term and is not limited to a binder embodiment. The claimed host organizer may take the form of, e.g., a briefcase, handbag, portfolio case, or similar hand-carried item. (See the specification at page 6, lines 17-19.) Some of these examples were specifically claimed in claims originally filed. These claims were canceled because of a restriction requirement imposed by the Office. These canceled claims are not being pursued for the simple reason that they are not necessary to gain claim coverage of these examples. Claims 21 and 23 are broad enough to cover these embodiments, by virtue of the generic nature of the term, host organizer. Applicants have not dedicated or surrendered these embodiments to the public. If the Office has a differing view, it is respectfully requested that it be noted in the record.

Similarly, the element, ancillary article, in claims 21, 22 and 24, is a generic term and is not limited to a wallet embodiment. The claimed ancillary article encompasses any portable or hand-held article useful in connection with the host organizer, for example, a purse, PDA, calculator, notebook, electronic organizer, or cell phone. (See the specification at page 6, lines 10-16 and original claims 5-11.) These examples of ancillary articles were specifically claimed in claims originally filed. These claims were canceled because of a restriction requirement imposed by the Office. These canceled claims are not being pursued for the simple reason that they are not necessary to gain claim coverage of these examples. Claims 21, 22 and 24 are broad enough to cover these embodiments, by virtue of the generic nature of the term, ancillary article. Applicants have not dedicated or surrendered these embodiments to the public. If the Office has a differing view, it is respectfully requested that it be noted in the record.

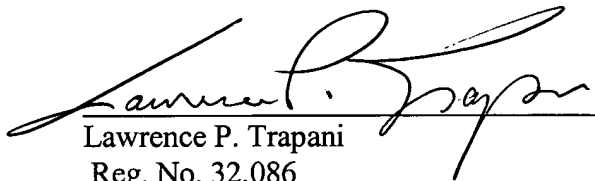
A separate Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$120 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney will be helpful with the prosecution of this case, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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